

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Grant

PIN	5136	COUNTY	Monterey
APPLICANT	Monterey Peninsula Water Management District	AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$496,957
PROJECT TITLE	Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey Bay IRWMP and ICWMP	TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$1,228,650

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Develop a functionally equivalent IRWMP that will function as an Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plan for the Region consisting of the groundwater basins and major watersheds in the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey Bay areas. The plan will be adopted by December 31, 2006.

WORK PLAN - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has a detailed and specific work plan that adequately documents the proposal. Weighting factor is 3.

Score: 9

Comment: The proposal does not describe the tasks in enough detail and therefore the outcome of each task is difficult to determine. More points would have been awarded if more detail was given on the tasks to be performed. The description of deliverables and how they will be used is not adequate. For some of the tasks the specific methods, schedule, and frequency of activities that will be implemented is not clearly stated. There are no measurable goals outlined; however, Task 7.2 defines a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) as the entity that will develop measurable goals in the future.

DESCRIPTION OF REGION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented a detailed and specific description that adequately documents the region. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: The basis for the regional boundary is presented and is well defined. The applicant provides a good description of internal boundaries and water related infrastructure. A map of the region is included. The applicant discusses the water resource quality and quantity as well as ASBSs adjacent to the region. The applicant also addresses ecological processes, resources, and social and economic trends in the region.

OBJECTIVES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific planning objectives. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 8

Comment: The ICWMP objectives are described in detail. Objectives are inclusive of surface water and ground water management, water supply augmentation, water conservation, ecosystem restoration, water quality improvements, conflict resolution, and statewide priorities. However, the process of how these objectives were determined is not clearly stated. It is also not clear how the end results will meet the proposed objectives.

INTEGRATION OF WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented how water management strategies will be integrated. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 6

Comment: The applicant indicates that the IRWMP/ICWMP will incorporate the methodology of the CCA watershed assessment action plan. Assurances and details of how that will take place are not evident. The proposal also discusses many strategies but doesn't say how they work together to produce some synergistic effect in water management.

IMPLEMENTATION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately detailed plan implementation. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 6

Comment: There is no general schedule for implementation beyond adoption. The emerging institutional structure seems to be the use of a TAC; however, how the TAC would be formed or who would be eligible to serve is unclear. Mechanisms for monitoring performance of the plan and modifying the plan are contained in Task 7.2

IMPACTS AND BENEFITS - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately presented and documented the impacts and benefits of the Plan. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 8

Comment: The proposed plan can provide significant benefits but the relationship of benefits to the ASBSs is not clearly stated. The application contains a plan to analyze potential impacts. Item 8.2 lists anticipated benefits of implementing the plan. Item 8.3 is compliance with CEQA. The applicant states that development of the plan is exempt from CEQA. The project could have scored higher if the project benefits more clearly supported the objectives.

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DATA AND TECHNICAL ANALYSIS - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific data and technical analysis components of the proposal. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 3

Comment: Section 9 of the work plan presents a chronology of activities, studies, or documents that support each water management strategy presented in the plan. Sections 9.4 to 9.11 state only that a bibliography is to be developed. More points would have been awarded if the supporting activities and documents were more clearly tied to what is proposed in the plan and where data gaps need to be filled in order to move the plan forward.

DATA MANAGEMENT - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific data management procedures. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 4

Comment: The proposal presents Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) as the main data management agency. MPWMD has outreach and data management capability. The coordination with State databases is limited to posting the plan on CERES. There is coordination with other databases such as Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Water Quality Evaluation and the Sanctuary Integrated Monitoring Network. The proposal would have scored higher if there was some clarity about the centralized electronic water resource library and how that function is necessary to the planning effort (i.e. what data is being generated and what data needs to be managed).of efforts is good.

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented stakeholder involvement concerns. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 3

Comment: A list of cooperative entities that will serve as stakeholders is provided in the project summary. The proposal doesn't include a schedule or procedure that describes the roles and responsibilities of the listed entities. In addition there is no mechanism to identify additional stakeholders.

DISADVANTAGE COMMUNITIES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented disadvantaged community concerns. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 2

Comment: The applicant indicates there are no disadvantaged communities in the region. The applicant does mention that disadvantaged community concerns would be a subject for discussion in initial meetings regarding plan development. The applicant may need to consider Catroville and Salinas for possible environmental justice concerns in that region.

RELATION TO LOCAL PLANNING - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented the Plan's relationship to local planning efforts. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 2

Comment: Many planning activities are listed but there is little linkage to how the proposed plan will support or integrate with local plans (i.e. County General Plan, Local Coastal Plan).

AGENCY COORDINATION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented agency coordination issues. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 2

Comment: The proposed ICWMP will not support land use decision making other than where water shortages are a primary limitation. Integration of Management Measures into land use planning is absent. A mechanism on how the proposed project will be coordinated with other agencies is not well described.

TOTAL SCORE: 58